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[Despatch Abstract.]

Passport - Tourist- Travel in Various countries in Europe Memorandum from the Commonwealth Relations Office send Recorded.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

ABSTRACT.

PASSPORTS - Tourist Travel in various countries in Europe — Memorandum for the Commonwealth Relations Office, London - Recorded.

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HOME DEPARTMENT.

G.O.Ms.No. 2161 Dated 7th June 1948.
Read the following:

From the Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations, No.D.4060.G/48 dated the 20th May 1948 and its enclosures.

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I am directed to forward herewith a copy of a memorandum received from the Commonwealth Relations Office, London, giving information regarding the arrangements that have been made or are under discussion for tourist travel with various countries.

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TOURIST TRAVEL.

As from 1st May tourist travel will be permitted to the following countries - Switzerland, Holland, France, Austria, Portugal, Denmark, Norway and Italy.

Travel to Switzerland will be regulated on a monthly quota basis. The detailed arrangements for this will be published within the next few days.

The foreign currency to be allowed for tourist travel for the twelve months beginning on the 1st May is the equivalent of £ 35 for adults and £ 25 for children.

The countries named above do not necessarily constitute the twelve final list. It may be possible to add one or two more countries within the next few weeks.

2. Following additional information may be of interest. It has been prepared for possible use in answering supplementary questions but should be treated as secret for the present.

3. The list of countries given above included all those with whom it has been possible to make satisfactory arrangements but a number of other countries have been under consideration and the position in regard to them is summarised below:-

(1) Belgium and Luxembourg:- Balances of payments position precluded tourism at present

(2) Sweden. Under active discussion with air prospects of a satisfactory arrangement.

(3) Spain will be taken up later in the year. Tourism would not cost us much and provided that Spaniards will concede some reciprocity, it should not be difficult to reach agreement.

(4) Yugoslavia. Possibility of reopening tourism is being discussed during current trade talks.

(5) Turkey Is not at present interested. Tourist accommodation will be too limited.

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(6) Greece. Not interested at present partly owing to internal insecurity and partly because reciprocity is out of the question.

(7) Finland. Would welcome tourists but is not yet ready

(8) Czechoslovakia. The Czechs are anxious to promote tourism but we have decided to make no move at present as they re no political or economic advantages at the moment.

(9) U.S.S.R., Hungary, Roumania, Albania and Bulgaria. Show no disposition to welcome tourists.

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By Order of HisExcellency the Governor)

R.Prasad,

DEPUTY SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

The Commissioner of Police, Madras.
The Public Department.

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SUPERINTENDENT,
Madras Record Office.

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